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An Act Amendatory, to an Act regulating the duties of the Tax Collectors of the different Counties :

Whereas, the duties of the Tax Collectors of the different counties are too much to be faithfully discharged by one person ; and thereby causes the Government to lose more than one half of the Taxes accruing in that direction,

Therefore it is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled :

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, there shall be appointed in each of the Counties of this Republic a Tax Collector for each settlement, who shall be required to collect all the Taxes of said settlement, and pay over the same to the Sub-Treasurers of the Counties, of Grand Bassa, Sinou, and Maryland, and to the Treasurer in Montserrado County, taking their receipts for the same. And also they be allowed a commission of twelve per cent on all amounts collected and paid into the Treasury.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that all Tax Collectors, shall make returns of their doings to the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County where they reside, and on such days as are appointed by the Judge of said Court. And on failure to make returns of their doings shall be subject to such fines and penalties as are imposed on the Sheriff for neglect to make returns.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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An Amendatory Act to an Act to amend the several existing Acts regulating the Militia.

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled :

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, it shall be the duty of the several Military fine Collectors appointed in pursuance to the Seventh Section of the above recited act to make

quarterly returns to the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Counties where said Military Collectors reside on the day and at the time required of the Sheriff to make his returns, and on neglect of any Military fine Collector to make his returns, it shall be the duty of the Judge of said Court of Quarter Sessions, to inflict such penalties and fines as are inflicted on the Sheriff in such cases.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted: That said Military fine Collectors shall return, for the inspection of the Court, the list of persons fined and receipts of Treasurer and Sub-Treasurers for moneys paid account Military fines, which list shall be noted by the Clerk of Court as the Debits of said Collectors, and his receipts as credits, and before return day, shall be required to collect all fines imposed at Regimental Courts martial.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 8th 1884.

An Act to repeal certain portions of the Act entitled an Act to amend the several existing Acts regulating the Militia, passed by two third vote Jany. 26th. 1876.

Whereas it appears since the passage of the above cited act, that the portion of said act that refers to the repeal of the Officers drill is impracticable and militates, against the prosperity of the Military of this Republic, and whereas, after due deliberation it is the opinion of the Legislature, that the clause found in the third section of the above cited act that refers to the repeal of the Officers drill should be repealed,

Therefore, It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled:—

Sec. 1. That all of the clause of the above cited act that refers to the repeal of the Officers drill be, and the same is hereby so altered and amended as to read:—That the Officers drill shall be on the day immediately preceeding the Regimental Parade.

Any law or parts of laws militating against the spirit of this act be and the same are hereby repealed,

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An Act amendatory to An Act regulating the Militia in Maryland County Republic of Liberia.

Whereas the day set aside by the Legislature as per Act of 1882 and 1888 for Fasting and Prayer to Almighty God: comes off on the Second Friday in April of every year, conflicts with the

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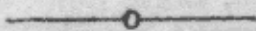
third quarterly Parade of the fourth Regiment, which comes off the same day,

Therefore, it is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled:—

That from and after the passage of this act, The third Quarterly Parade of the fourth Regiment which takes place on the second Friday in the month of April in each year; be so altered as to take place on the first Friday in the Month of April of every year, And the hours of Parade on all parade days be from six O'clock A. M. to Nine O'clock A. M. also from Two O'clock P. M. to Four O'clock P. M.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jan. 8. 1884.



An Act authorizing the Compilation and Printing of the Decisions and Rulings of the Supreme Court.

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled:—

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this act, there shall be appointed by the President a competent person, a Counsellor at law, under direct and immediate supervision of the Chief Justice of this Republic, or one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, to compile the Decisions of the Supreme Court of this Republic from its organization to the present time and to have the report of the same published under title

"Decisions of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Liberia, Vol. 1st." which shall serve as the interpretation of the law of Liberia.

The said compiler, appointed as aforesaid, shall receive for said services the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty dollars. Copies of said decisions shall be by the Secretary of the Treasury deposited in the Treasury and Sub-Treasuries of the several Counties for sale at fixed prices.

Sec. 2nd. The Secretary of State be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to furnish from the clerk of the Supreme Court and archives of the Republic, said decisions.

Sec. 3rd. The said decisions of the Supreme Court before they are published, shall be approved as correct copies from originals by the Judges of the Supreme Court to give them validity. The compiler shall be required to complete his work in one year from the time that the Counsellor at law is appointed by the President.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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An act to incorporate Sey's Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, Careysburg Montserrado County.

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled :—

Sec. 1st. That from and after the passage of this Act, William T. Hagan, George C. Nelson, Marshall Givens, Richard Craggs, Samuel Bates, Benjamin Hornsby and Jacob Waters, Preacher in charge, Stewards, and Trustees worshipping in the Church Edifice called Sey's Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church in the settlement of Careysburg County of Montserrado, and Republic of Liberia, are hereby constituted a Body corporate and politic to have a perpetual succession by the name of Sey's Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church of the settlement of Careysburg and with power to, take, hold, possess and enjoy Real and personal Estate by grant, purchase or otherwise, and to convey the same when ever the circumstances of said Body shall make it conducive to its interest in an amount not exceeding Twenty Five Thousand Dollars, and to have the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court of Law or Equity in this Republic and to do all other acts and things usual to be done by such Bodies Corporate and Politic.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted that all laws or parts of laws militating against the provisions of this Act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 8th, 1884.

An Act to incorporate the Mc Clintock Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, Bensonville, County of Montserrado.

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled :—

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this act, F. Tilman, A. Gall, Henry Brent, R. Boyce, M. DeVault, Daniel Smith, Stewards and Trustees worshipping in the Church called the McClintock Grove Methodist Episcopal Church Bensonville in the County of Montserrado, Republic of Liberia are hereby constituted a Body Corporate and Politic, to have a perpetual succession by the name of McClintock Grove, Methodist Episcopal Church Bensonville, and with power to take, hold, possess and enjoy real and personal estate by grant purchase or otherwise, and to convey the same whenever the circumstances of said Body shall make it conducive to its interest in an amount not exceeding Twenty five Thousand Dollars, and to have the privilege to sue and be sued. plead and be impleaded in any Courts of Law or Equity in this Repub-

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Sec. 2. It is further enacted, That all laws or parts of laws militating against the provisions of this Act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

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An Act to incorporate the First Baptist Church Careysburg, Montserrado County.

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled :

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, J. A. Curthbert, George W. Walker. Isaac Givens, Nelson Moment, F. W. Jackson, J. C. Johnson, Hank Woodson, Thomas Carroll and Richard F. Walker, Pastor, Deacons, Trustees and members worshipping in the Church Edifice called the first Baptist Church in the settlement of Careysburg, Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia, are hereby constituted a Body Corporate and Politic to have a succession, by the name of the First Baptist Church of Careysburg and with power to take, hold, possess and enjoy real and personal estate by grant, purchase or otherwise, and to convey the same whenever the circumstances of said Body shall make it conducive to its interest in an amount not exceeding Twenty five Thousand Dollars, and to have the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court of Law or Equity in this Republic, and to do all other acts and things usual to be done by such Bodies Corporate and Politic.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted, That all laws or parts of laws militating against the provisions of this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 8th 1884.

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An Act restoring John Henry Diggs, of Grand Bassa County to the rights and privileges of citizenship.

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled :—

That from and after the passage of this act, That John Henry Diggs of the County of Grand Bassa be, and he is hereby restored, to all the rights, privileges and immunities granted to all other good citizens of this Republic.

Approved Jany. 8th 1884.

Supplementary Act amendatory to an Act for the relief of Government approved Jany 9th 1883 and amending an additional act supplementing the several existing acts regulating the payment of Custom duties &c; approved Jany. 11th 1883,

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled :—

Sec. 1. It is further enacted that from and immediately after the passage of this act that the duties on all goods, wares, and merchandise imported into this Republic excepting such as are admitted free of duty and such others as are otherwise provided for by the laws now in force shall be paid one eighth in gold coin and the remaining seven-eighths in Liberian Currency.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding
Approved January 8th, 1884.

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A Resolution appropriating an amount of Seventy five dollars for opening and cleaning out the Ayers Creek that leads to Barnersville in the rear of the Settlement of New Georgia.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled :—

SEC. 1. That there be appropriated the sum of Seventy five dollars for the purpose of opening and cleaning out of the Ayres Creek that leads to the Settlement of Barnersville.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved January 8th. 1884.

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An Act amendatory to an Act for the relief of Government approved January 9th. 1883, also amending an additional Act supplementing the several existing Acts regulating the payment of Custom duties &c., Approved January 11th, 1883.

It is enacted by thg Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled :—

Sec. 1 That immediately after the passage of this Act the second section of the above cited act approved Jany. 9th 1883 be so amended as to read one half of all the currency paid into the Treasuries of this Republic, shall not be reissued; but the same shall be defaced by the said receiving officer, (Treasurer or Sub-Treasurer) in the presence of the members of the Legislature or a majority of the same, within thirty six hours after said money is paid.

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The Treasurer or Sub-Treasurers shall forward notice to the members of their respective counties immediately upon the receipt of any money; all monies defaced under the provisions of this act shall be laid before the Legislature at the next session for final destruction.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted that the first section of the act approved Jany. 11th 1883, providing for the payment of bills be so amended as to read that no officer or officers, person or persons presenting his or their bill or bills for payment shall in any case receive more than two thirds gold on account of his or their claim.

Sec. 3rd.. It is further enacted that the import duties on all Brass Neptunes, brass pans, brass rods, and all brass wares shall be paid in gold coin at its intrinsic value.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 11th 1884.

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Joint Resolution amendatory to the Joint Resolution regulating the title and privileges of the Native African Representatives in the National Legislature of this Republic approved Jany. 8th. 1881.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled :—

Sec. 1st. That from and after the passage of this Resolution there shall be one Native Delegate as a Representative from each native tribe within the jurisdiction of the several Counties of this Republic that submits to our laws by the payment of their taxes annually; and in no case shall a Native Delegate be sent by any Superintendent to the Legislature unless his Tribe conforms with this Resolution and should any Native Delegate be sent contrary to the provisions of this Resolution then and in that case he shall not be admitted to a seat by either branch of the Legislature.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 11th 1884.

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An Act for the establishment of High Schools in each of the Leeward Counties

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled :—

Sec. 1st. That from and after the passage of this Act, there shall be established in each of the Leeward Counties, that is to say the Counties of Grand Bassa, Sinoe and Maryland, a High School, to serve as a Branch or Preparatory School to Liberia

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College, and to be under the instruction of a competent Teacher approved and appointed by the President and Trustees of Liberia College.

Sec. 2nd. That the sum of Two Thousand dollars be and the same is hereby annually appropriated for the salaries of Teachers and for apparatus for said High Schools, to be paid from General Government funds.

Sec. 3rd. That the President be and he is hereby authorized to draw out of the Public Treasury the said amount of Two Thousand Dollars, to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 4th. It is further enacted, That all laws or parts of laws conflicting with any of the provisions of this Act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 11th 1884.

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An Act Amendatory to an Act creating an Interior Department.

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled :

Sec. 1st. That one of the essential duties of the Secretary of the Interior shall be, that under his own personal superintendence, or a Commissioner by him appointed, keep open and free a main road leading from the Republic of Liberia, into the Mandingo Country : he shall aid and give moral and other support to the principal Chiefs dwelling along the route with whom we are at present, or may hereafter enter into treaty stipulations. He shall supervise all matters whatever pertaining to the Interior business proper. The Secretary of the Interior shall under the direction and advice of the President send out yearly, or as often as may be necessary a posse of men and baggage carriers under the command of a suitable person as Captain with the Native Commissioner, or any other competent person, that may be appointed by the President, or the Secretary of the Interior, to see that the roads are kept open and to settle all difficulties on the road with the Chiefs and interior people generally. All presents and dashes made by the Natives to said Commissioner shall be reported to the Secretary of the Interior, who shall order the same to be turned over to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall sell the same, and place the proceeds in the Public Treasury.

Sec. 2. The Officers connected with the Interior Business shall not appropriate any presents made to them by the Natives or Chiefs to private use.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of the Interior shall visit the whole line or route of way when necessary and shall see that the stipends are duly paid, and the mutual obligations faithfully discharged by both parties.

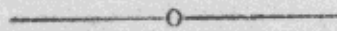
Sec. 4th. That the subsidies based on the treaties and promises of 1874—5 be made good and paid.

Sec. 5. That an Interior road to join the Counties together be studied out by the Secretary of the Interior, and as the Barline and Mandingo Countries are somewhat in the rear of Maryland County the road be made to take such a direction as will conduct as near as possible to the rear vicinity of each of the Counties, in order that they may enjoy equally the advantages that may be derived from such communication.

Sec. 6. That in consequence of the increased duties of the Secretary of the Interior, he shall be allowed a Clerk.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Supplementary Act to the existing Acts incorporating the Aboriginal Tribes of the Republic,

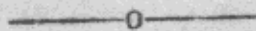
It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled :—

Sec. 1st. That from and after the passage of this Act, that Two discreet persons be appointed by the President in Montserado County, and by the Superintendents in the Leeward Counties, under the direction of the President, for the better collection of Taxes among the aboriginal tribes that are desirous of conforming to the Acts passed by the Legislature during the Session of 1874—5 and 1880—1.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted that two Collectors shall be appointed for each Tribe, (viz) one Americo Liberian, and one Aboriginal, provided however that the Aborigine be a citizen or inhabitant of the Tribe of which he shall assist in collecting said Taxes, and shall make their returns as all other Collectors.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14th. 1884,



An Act to relieve the Citizens of the Settlement of Robertsport Grand Cape Mount, Montserrado County.

Whereas the Settlement of Robertsport lying at or near our North West Boundary is at any time liable to native aggressions which if unheeded by Government may retard the progress and perpetuity of the nation. Therefore :—

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled :—

Sec. 1st. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, that the following named munitions of War be procured for the relief of the Settlement of Robertsport viz: Fifty small arms

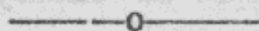
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Two Barrels of powder, Two thousand waterproof Caps, Forty rounds grape and Canister, Forty round Shots and two hundred pounds lead.

Sec. 2, It is further enacted that the President be, and he is hereby authorized to direct the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant to draw on any moneys belonging to General Government not otherwise appropriated to procure and comply, with the provisions of the first section of this act.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14th, 1884.



A Resolution compensating Chief Justice C. L. Parsons of Montserado County.

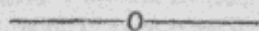
Whereas Chief Justice C. L. Parsons having shown in his petition that he has rented an office for the Judicial Department, and for the use of which office, he is indebted to the amount of one hundred dollars in consequence of there being no appropriation for the payment of an office for that Department.

It is therefore resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled:—

That from and after the passage of this Resolution the Secretary of the Treasury be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Chief Justice C. L. Parsons the sum of one hundred dollars being the amount claimed by him as due for office rent.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14th 1884.



An Act authorizing the purchase of Steel Stamps and dates for the different Post Offices of this Republic.

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled:—

That, from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the President be, and he is hereby directed to draw on the Public Treasury for the sum of One Hundred and fifty dollars to purchase Steel Stamps and dates for the different Post Offices of this Republic at an early a date as possible,

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14. 1884.

Joint Resolution authorizing the President to cause immediate peace between the Little Cess fishermen, and the Battoo fishermen and reparation for the piratical destruction of the boat of W. E. Harris a citizen of Sinou County, by the Little Cess fishermen off Timbo, and also to make an immediate demand for the Nanna Kroo Bonds.

Whereas the Little Cess fishermen from Timbo, did in the year 1880. Piratically destroy the boat of W. E. Harris of Sinou County, as well as murdered the entire crew of said boat, which is piracy, both at Common and International Law ; and some of said crew murdered being Battoo fishermen which has thereby caused a war to rage between the two tribes to the great detriment of trade, and against the peace and safety of the Coast-wise Traders of this Republic :—

Therefore it is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled :

SEC. 1. That the President is hereby authorized and directed to procure the services of a Man-of-War to aid him in restoring peace between the Little Cess fishermen and the Battoo fishermen : and that the Little Cess fishermen be compelled to make restitution for the said boat.

SEC. 2. That the President be authorized to use his discretion in accordance with the Act to maintain peace and enforce order on the highways to the Interior, and that the provisions of that Act apply to this case.

SEC. 3. That the President is also directed to use the service of any Man of war, in the demand and collection of the Nanna Kroo Bonds, and all other outrages on the Coast by the Natives upon the persons or Factories of legitimate traders,

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 18th 1884.

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An Act authorizing the establishing of a Settlement, and a Port of Entry at San-Pedro the South Eastern boundary of the Republic of Liberia in Maryland County ; and an additional Port of Entry in the County of Montserrado and of Sinou.

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled.

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act the President be, and he is hereby fully authorized and directed to form a Settlement at the River San-Pedro in the County of Maryland under the same provisions, regulations and rules, as under an Act establishing the Settlement of Robertsport in Montserrado County, as far as practicable, and the said Settlement is hereby declared a Port of Entry and Delivery under the name "San-Pedro.

SEC. 2. It further enacted that the Manna River in Montserado County and Niffoo in Sinou County, are hereby declared Ports of Entry and delivery, subject to all the rules and laws regulating other Ports of Entry and delivery in the Republic.

SEC. 3. And it is further enacted: That the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars be, and the same is hereby specially appropriated to carry out the provisions of this Act:

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 18th. 1884.



Amendatory Act to the Act entitled An Act regulating the liquor traffic approved Jany. 9th. 1883.

Whereas there appears to be a conflict between the above cited Act, and the Act chartering the City of Monrovia, approved December 31st 1869 :—

Therefore, It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled :—

SEC. 1. That the first section of said Act shall be construed so as to appropriate only the two thousand dollars made payable for the annual license for importation of Alcoholic liquors into the Public Treasury, one half shall be for the use of General Government and the other half for the use of the County to which the liquor is imported. And that the wholesale liquor license of Three Hundred Dollars, and the retail license of one Hundred Dollars, that are required by said Act, shall be paid to the Corporation of the City of Monrovia, or to any other chartered Corporation where any said wholesale or retail licenses are paid, and that the first clause of the third section of said Act is hereby repealed.

Approved January 18th 1884.



An Act adopting Caroline Charlotte Emmery as adopted Daughter of J. T. Emmery of the County of Montserrado.

Whereas J. T. Emmery has petitioned the Legislature to adopt unto him Caroline Charlotte Emmery :—Therefore,

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled.

That from and after the passage of this Act, Caroline Charlotte Emmery is adopted daughter of the aforesaid J. T. Emmery of the aforesaid County, and shall have right to inherit from the said J. T. Emery as all other legal heirs.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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